Apart from legal measures, Government has taken steps for withdrawal and rehabilitation of child labour working in hazardous occupations through the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs). Under the scheme, rehabilitation centres have been set up with provision for non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health-care etc. So far, 85 child labour projects have been sanctioned in child labour endemic States for coverage of 1.8 lakh children.

in other occupations and processes are regulated under the Act. Employers employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are liable for prosecution. The Central Govemment and State/UT Governments have enforcement machineries to enforce child related provisions of the laws. The Central Govemment monitors implementation of the provisions of the Act through periodical returns It has been the endeavour of the government to enforce all the child labour related laws in a harmonious manner.

Renewal of Minimum Wages for Agricultural Workers

1610. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 348 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1999 and state:

(a) whether Govemment also propose to renew the Minimum Wages for Agricultural and unorganised labourers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Under the Minimum wages Act, 1948 both Central and State Governments are appropriate Govem-ments for fixation/revision of Minimum Wages for scheduled employments in their respective jurisdictions. The Govemment of India has recently revised the minimum rates of wages for agricultural workers in the Central sphere vide notification No. S.O. 1085(E) dated 11th November, 1999 published in the Gazette of India, part-II, Section-3, sub-section (ii). The prevailing rates of wages in various States/Union Territories for agricultural workers in enclosed in the Statement. In regard to other unorganised labourers working under Central sphere, the minimum rates of wages are revised periodically.

(b) to (e) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited m 13 occupations and 51 processes. The employment conditions of children

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Minimum Wages Rates (prevailing) in Agriculture in States/Union Territories as on 1.1.99.

	States/Union Territories	Minimum Wages (Rs./ day)	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.00	
2.	Andaman & N Islands	50.00	Andaman
		53.00	Nicobar
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	35.60	
4.	Assam	36.66	(plus food)
		45.00	(without food)
5.	Bihar	38.61	
6.	Chandigarh	60.15	(without meal)
		52.09	(with meal)
7.	Dadra & N Haveli	38.00	
8.	Daman & Diu	60.00	
9.	Delhi	108.36	
10.	Goa	46.00	
11.	Gujarat	34.00	
12.	Haryana	70.12	
13.	Himachal Pradesh	26.00	
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00	
15.	Karnataka	26.00	
16.	Kerala	30.00	
17.	Lakshadweep	41.46	
18.	Madhya Pradesh	38.50	
19.	Maharashtra	23.00	
20.	Manipur	44.65	
21.	Mizoram	45.00	
22.	Meghalaya	35.00	
23.	Nagaland	25.00	
24.	Orissa	42.50	
25.	Punjab	60.62	(without meal)
		54.07	(with meal)
26.	Rajasthan	32.00	
27.	Tamil Nadu	29.00	